

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Substance of Interview

Referring to the Interview Summary mailed August 31, 2007, Applicants' attorney confirms the telephone discussion with the Examiner on August 27, 2007, during which Applicants' attorney inquired about the possibility of overcoming the prior art rejection in the Office Action of June 14, 2007, by amending claims 1 and 2 to recite a molecular weight distribution of 1.05 to 1.50 for the living radical polymer, based on the disclosure at page 23, lines 6-8 of the specification. Applicants' attorney suggested that this would address the Examiner's remarks in item 8 on page 3 of the Office Action. It is the understanding of Applicants' attorney that the Examiner stated that such an amendment would probably overcome the rejection.

To clarify the record, and referring again to the Interview Summary, Applicants' attorney did not confirm, during the telephone discussion with the Examiner, that an RCE with amended claims would be filed. Rather, Applicants' attorney inquired about whether or not the rejection would be overcome if an RCE with an amendment were filed.

Amendment

Each of claims 1 and 2 has now been amended to recite that the living radical polymer has a molecular weight distribution of 1.05 to 1.50, as discussed with the Examiner. In view of this, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over the applied Yamago et al. reference should be withdrawn.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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